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AN OPENING FOR TRADE

Russia One of the Most Promising Fields for American Enterprise.

LIKE OUR METHODS AND GOODS

Railway Through Siberia to the Pacific Nearing Completion—Equipped With Most Modern Rolling Stock, and Likely to Do an Immense Business.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Herbert H. D. Pierce, first secretary of the United States embassy to Russia, has been in Washington several days on leave of absence from his post. It has afforded an opportunity for talks with the president and State department officials on Russian affairs, both political and commercial, and the imparting of much interesting information which could not be brought by the channels of official reports. Speaking to a representative of the press Mr. Pierce said: "The relations between the United States and Russia were never on a more cordial basis than at present and the friendship which is traditional between the two countries finds constant expression in Russia, not only among officials, but also among the people. It is not too much to say that from the emperor down to the peasantry there is a sincere friendship for us and a desire to become acquainted with American methods and use in Russia the skill and ingenuity which has advanced this country with such great strides. For this reason there is a great opening in Russia for American capital and for the introduction of American machinery and methods of doing business. It is an immense field, far beyond anything realized by the people in this country. "Russia is just entering an era of tremendous industrial awakening commercial and industrial awakening. Here is the new field for American enterprise and capital, for with our Pacific coast facilities, the Philippines and the Transiberian railroad route there is ready access for our goods into the very heart of Russia. During his ministry to Russia Mr. Hitchcock's personality and splendid business ability did much to stimulate our trade relations and the effect is widespread and continuous. There is special opportunity for investments in steel and iron industries, cotton mills and for the manufacture of machinery and tools. Then, too, our manufactured goods will find almost illimitable markets, although Russia has a protective tariff which is encouraging to its own industries. Still, even with the tariff, it wants many of our manufactured goods, such as such as the home production is far short of sufficient to supply the present state of development. In fact there is hardly a line of American industry which cannot find very profitable investment throughout Russia. Moreover, Russia regards American goods as better than those of any other country, so that this favorable sentiment invites us into these vast new fields. "People outside of Russia hardly realize how nearly completed the Transiberian railway is," continued Mr. Pierce. "I was told recently by Prince Hilkev, minister of ways of communication, who has charge of this great work, that he expected to make a trip around the world in forty days during the coming Paris exposition, going by the way of the Transiberian route, and he had the kindness to ask me to accompany him on the trip. Even now the route is almost continuous from Moscow to the Amoor river and thence to Vladivostok on the Pacific coast with the exception of a comparatively short stretch which has to be covered by post horses. Once open, this marks almost a commercial revolution, giving a highway from western Europe to the Pacific and from our Pacific coast into the far east and thence to eastern Europe. "The road is so well along that trains are run out of Moscow which would astonish even Americans as models of elegance. These trains not only have baths, libraries and other modern equipments, but a complete gymnasium to beguile the long trip through Siberia. The original purpose of Russia was to make the route one for military and strategic purposes, linking the capital and other large centers with the naval rendezvous at Vladivostok. But now commerce and travel over the road has quite overshadowed the strategic purpose and Russia finds that she has opened a highway which is to be one of the great traffic channels of trade. In time possibly the route will be directed southward through Chinese Manchuria, to permit a terminus at Russia's new and important leasehold at Port Arthur. But for the present Vladivostok continues to be considered its commercial terminus on the Pacific."

WILL ESTABLISH HOME RULE.

American Policy in the Philippines Will Be Friendly.

CHICAGO, July 11.—The special to the Times-Herald from Washington says: Word has been received from the state department from President Schurman regarding his trip through the Philippine archipelago. Secretary Hay authorizes this formal statement. "Dispatches have been received by the state department from President Schurman of the Philippine commission, giving a brief account of his journey to the southern islands of the archipelago. He finds the conditions on these islands extremely gratifying. There is a disposition almost everywhere south of Luzon to accept American sovereignty, and to take advantage of the condition of things which the American occupation holds out. President Schurman expects to arrive at San Francisco about August 15." As the result of a review of President Schurman's dispatch, Secretary Hay has authorized Brigadier General Bates to go to the southern groups to consult with the sultan of the Sulu regarding the future of the islands. The authorities will not divulge the nature of the instructions to General Bates, but it is understood there is no disposition here to infringe upon the sultan's authority provided he acknowledges the sovereignty of the United States. General Bates will explain that friendly purposes of this government, and if necessary will agree that this government shall pay a small annuity as was done by the Spanish government. President Schurman reported that the sultan was quite willing to transfer his allegiance on condition that treaties existing between himself and Spain were respected by the United States. It is further stated by an official in a position to know, that this government intends to establish home rule at places where it is considered advisable including the island of Negros, conditions in which, according to President Schurman, are especially satisfactory. Immediately upon President Schurman's arrival at San Francisco, he will travel to Washington, and discuss the Philippine situation with the president.

TEXAS FLOOD DAMAGE.

Twenty-Seven People Drowned and Property Loss \$8,500,000.

CALVESTON, Tex., July 11.—Relief work in the Brazos river district has been systematized, three relief trains leaving Houston for Galveston and San Antonio daily. Probably 20,000 negroes are now being fed and will need to be sustained for some time by the relief committee. The water is falling at all points except in Brazoria county. All sorts of estimates are made as to the amount of cotton loss. A estimate of 50 per cent is considered conservative. This will be a money loss of \$2,000,000. The loss sustained by the destruction of other crops, houses, fencing, stock and bridges will be \$2,500,000, while the loss to the railroads is probably \$1,000,000, making a total of \$5,500,000. Owing to the exaggerated reports circulated as to the loss of life in the recent floods, the News has made a special effort to secure the facts from thirteen counties where loss of thirty-seven lives from drowning. Negroes supposed to have been drowned continue to appear and want to be buried.

Four Lieutenant Colonels.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The president has appointed the following lieutenant colonels of volunteers: Major J. F. Bell, assistant adjutant general of volunteers, now serving in the Philippines. He was appointed from Kentucky to West Point in 1874. He went to Manila with General Merritt and has had charge of the bureau of military information. Captain Herbert H. Sergeant, who was colonel of the Fifth Immune regiment during the war with Spain. He was appointed to West Point from Illinois.

Program for Dewey Reception.

NEW YORK, July 11.—A special to the World from Washington says: A letter has been sent to Admiral Dewey through Secretary Long, telling him of the program citizens of Washington have arranged for his reception. Secretary Long will present to Admiral Dewey on the east front of the White House the presence of President McKinley and citizens of Washington, the sword voted to him by congress. The president has approved the program. Has "Got Over His Idea." NEW YORK, July 8.—Artemus J. Smith, who sent a letter to Mrs. Russell Sage, saying that her husband's life was in danger, said today that the case had been settled. The lawyer friend to whom Mr. Smith had referred in an interview as having an intention to take Mr. Sage's life had got "over his idea," so Mr. Smith said. Mr. Smith denied that any demand had been made on Russell Sage or that any was intended. The police said today that they were taking no action in the matter. Preserve your trees and shrubbery by purchasing one of those sprayers of the Ebinger Hardware company.

THE ENDEAVOR OR MEDITATION

Last Day a Busy One, but Rain Renders It Most Uncomfortable.

FIGHT MEETINGS ARE ON PROGRAM

Missions Form the Topic for the Early Hours—Sessions More on Educational Lines Than in Former Years—Well Attended and Profitable Gathering.

Detroit, Mich., July 11.—The closing day of the International Christian Endeavor convention was the busiest of the week. When the day is completed there will have been eight great gatherings, provided the rain, which began falling just after the rain, which meetings assembled, does not check operations. The tendencies of the '99 gathering along educational lines than in former years, is a feature of this convention. Its general trend is conceded to have been to broaden, as well as inspire the young people, rather than to have led them toward narrow forms of spirituality or intolerant religious views. The last quiet hour early morning service was largely attended. "Missions" was the topic in both the great tent at the morning meetings; foreign missions in Tent William; home missions in Tent William. In the former meeting the foreign missionaries present were introduced to the great audience by "Father Endeavorer" Clark. The first address was by Rev. Dr. A. McLean of Cincinnati. His topic was "The Great Need of Missions." One of the principal addresses in Tent William was by Rev. G. N. Howard of Rochester, N. Y., entitled "Our Country's Greatest Peril."

QUICK WORK IS PROBABLE.

Republicans Likely to Complete Their Convention Soon.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 11.—The republican state convention, which meets here tomorrow, may see record breakers for quick work. The democratic state convention at Louisville two weeks ago broke the record otherwise, being in session an entire week. Three candidates for the democratic nomination for governor—Goshel, Stone and Pratt—went into the convention, each having about one-third the delegates. There are also three candidates for the republican nomination for governor—Taylor, Stone and Pratt. General Taylor claims that about two-thirds of the delegates are instructed for him. His friends claim that the delegates for Colonel Stone and Judge Pratt cannot meet. Taylor and Judge Pratt cannot meet. Taylor and Judge Pratt cannot meet. Taylor and Judge Pratt cannot meet.

ROYAL TO AGUINALDO.

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A COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Received Proposals to Be Submitted at the Hague. THE HAGUE, July 8.—The revised proposal regarding the institution of a permanent court of arbitration, which will be submitted to the committee today, consists of several articles. Those regarding the constitution of the court itself are substantially identical with Sir Julian Pauncefote's original project. Clause thirteen is interesting, in that it provides that each signatory power shall designate within three months following the ratification four persons recognized as competent to arbitrate in the case of international law. The law who are ready to accept the office of arbitrators. The bureau will keep a list of the nominees, who will be entitled to sit as members of the court, and will report to the signatory powers all modifications therein. Two or more powers can designate the same members. Members will be nominated for six years and eligible to re-nomination. In case of the death or retirement of a member of the court, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original nomination.

Wheeler Goes to the Orient.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—President McKinley told a delegation of southern congressmen who called upon him today that it was his intention to send General Wheeler to the Philippines at an early date. He also said that he did not think that more than the 10,000 troops already decided upon would be necessary.

Deserted Indian Captains.

A remarkable feature of India is the number of deserted captives. There are fewer than three old Delhi, all close to each other and south of the present city.

ANTI-FUSION APPEARS STRONG.

In Nebraska, However, It Is Different on Conditions.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 8.—

Mr. Rankin, chairman of the populist national central committee, was interviewed in regard to whether the populists would form a fusion with the democrats for the coming national campaign. Mr. Rankin said that they would not, for the reason that the populists will hold their national convention one month prior to that of the democrats, and will not be determined until after the big political parties name the date for its convention. Mr. Rankin stated that the populists are willing to say much concerning the party's views for the approaching campaign, as it had been the desire of the central committee to leave the other two political parties in the dark as to the populists' plans. However, he stated that the party was split up in its views, and it was hoped that every one would be brought to one course before the convention.

RENNES, France, July 8.—

Madame Dreyfus on leaving the prison yesterday appeared in much better spirits than before. It was evident that her conversation with her husband had been of a more cheerful nature. A large crowd had gathered in the hope of seeing her when she departed, but the gendarmes cleared the streets adjacent to the prison and the spectators caught only a passing glimpse of her as she drove rapidly in a closed carriage to the residence of Madame Godard. The latter left her house today and took up quarters temporarily at the residence of a relative in another part of the town, in order to allow the Dreyfus family full freedom in using her mansion. From a point overlooking the prison the correspondent of the Associated Press observed several hundred of his followers in the courtyard today for an hour's exercise. He was dressed in a blue serge suit and wore a soft felt hat. He walked slowly across the yard with his hands in the pockets of his jacket. His head was slightly bent forward so that it was impossible to see the features. As he crossed the yard he was preceded and followed by a band of twelve who passed through another door leading to a garden in the center of the prison, where Dreyfus takes exercise, and disappeared.

Wants Her Husband's Losses.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Amanda E. Stichtenoth, wife of a wealthy citizen of Cleveland, O., has begun suit in the United States circuit court to recover \$1,252 damages for money said to have been lost by her husband in dealings with the Central Stock and Grain exchange in the Rookery building.

Will Bolt the Ticket.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., July 11.—Ever since the democratic convention at Louisville two weeks ago, there has been talk of another democratic state ticket. The anti-Goebel democrats of Warren county have called a meeting here for tomorrow. In the event of the initial movement here being taken up in other parts of the state, Hon. John D. Carroll, Col. W. C. Breckenridge and Governor J. P. Holt, are spoken of for the nomination for governor. So far, however, this movement is limited to certain localities.

Seattle Life Is Diminishing.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 11.—E. W. Clarke, who is special agent of the government in charge of seal hunting in British sea arrived here today. He left the islands June 1. He said: "The provisions of the Paris tribunal's award are totally inadequate. I am confident that seal life is not one-tenth as great as in former years. The destruction of the herd is still progressing under pelagic sealing. About three out of every five are recovered, the seals are striking. Fully three female seals are killed to two males."

Old Flowers.

The remains of 50 fewer than 50 species of flowering plants from mummy wrappings in Egypt have been identified. The flowers have been wonderfully preserved, even the delicate violet color of the larkspur, the scarlet of the poppy, and the chlorophyll in the leaves remaining.

NEARLY 500,000.

Estimated Number of People in the World.

THE SPAINARDS INVADE MEXICO.

Spaniards Formerly in Business in Havana and Other Cuban Cities are Now Arriving Here Looking for Investments and Say that by October July \$120,000,000 of Spanish Capital Will Have Been Withdrawn from the Island for Spaniards of Wealth Do Not Want to Risk a Long Period of Political Unrest and Possible Coming into Power of Professional Cuban Politicians. This wealth which is being taken away by Spaniards is good cash and will mainly be taken to Spain for investment while some will come to Mexico. Spanish merchants and planters now here, report the English as being the boldest investors now in Cuba and that instead Americans are timid and have lost many large businesses which have passed into English hands.

Fight to the Last Ditch.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 10.—National Committeeman Fred Dilcher of the United Mine Workers of America, in an open letter to the Express, denounces the statement made by the southern Indiana coal operators that the operators are expected by the miners to pay a 2 per cent levy on their earnings to the support of the Miners' union. Mr. Dilcher says that instead of seeking to antagonize the operators the Miners' union is striving for a better condition of affairs; the union wants to give the operator what is rightfully his, but it will fight to the last ditch for what it considers the rights of the men. The southern Indiana mining situation is unchanged.

Nearest Women Councilors.

LONDON, July 8.—The house of commons this evening rejected the amendment to the Lendoy government bill, permitting the election of women as councilors, by a vote of 246 against the amendment to 177 in its favor. The house of lords' amendment, providing for the election of women from the office of councillor, was then formally agreed to. After applying the closure to the debate on the military works bill, the measure by a vote of 159 in favor of 53 against.

King, Emperor, Duke, Prince—\$1.

ESSEN, the Clothier.

Special Summer ... Clearance Sale.

Shirt Waists We will close out our line of these goods at 39c, 75c and \$1.00. Skirts Our entire stock of White Pique and Duck Skirts at less than cost at prices ranging as follows: 40c, 59c, 75c, 79c, 89c, \$1.29 and \$1.98. Corsets We have on sale 25 dozen Summer Corsets, the regular 50c for 39c. All styles in Gage Down Corsets, also the Chicago Corset Waist, a \$1.00. Wash Goods All our Fine Imported Organdies go at 15c and 19c. Good Lawns 5c yard. Percales 8 1/2c and 10c. Good Prints 4 1/2c. Best Scotch Ginghams 15c per yard.

25 Doz. Parasols, Regular Price \$1.25, Sale Price 99c.

Shoes All Colored Shoes go at COST. A good lot of Ladies' Oxfords in small sizes at 50c.

Window Shades

The best Window Shades in town for 35c. We have another lot of Rugs made from our remnants of Carpets at 99 cents and \$1.25.

LADIES' UNION SUITS 19c to Close.

LADIES' SUMMER VESTS 5c. FAST BLACK COTTON HOSE 8c.

E. G. DOVEY & SON.

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